Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Papenvork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMS control number.

Spositute for form 1449A/PTO ANFORMATION DISCLOSUR	
INFORMATION DISCLOSUR	E
STATEMENT BY APPLICAN	T

(use as many sheets as necessary)

POART & CAT

Sheet

Complete if Known Application Number 10/663,990 September 17, 2003 Filing Date First Named Inventor Nobukatsu HARA Group Art Unit 3611 Daniel G. DePumpo Examiner Name Attorney Docket Number SN-US035123

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevan	
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
205	1	US-3,785,676	1/15/1974	Klein, Jr.		
		US-				
_		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
	}	US-				
	}	US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		ŪS-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines,		
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (# known)		Date	Applicant of Cited Document	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T°

Examiner Signature R	Date Considered	7/25	105

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.
³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁶ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is